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Wayne Central School District

LETTER to the BOARD

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"If you treat an individual... as if he were what he ought to be and could be, he will become what he ought to be and could be."
- - Goethe

Greetings from Wayne Central School District. Below are some items of interest.

Board Meeting:

1. **Executive Session** - There will be an executive session at 6:30 p.m. in the District Office to discuss personnel matters including personnel relations to the retirement incentive. Please see my enclosed memo.
2. **Girls Scout Gift** - The Ontario and Walworth area girl scouts participated in a book drive to collect books for the high school library. This effort was coordinated by Linda DuBois' Senior Girl Scout Troop (9th & 10th graders). Some of the scouts will be in attendance at this meeting to present the books.
3. **Social Studies Textbook Selection Presentation** - High School Social Studies teacher John DonVito will review the selection process and recommended textbook for the social studies department with the Board.
4. **Freewill Program Presentation** - Freewill has been selected for a very special project involving sending information into space in conjunction with schools from around the world. Kim Saxby and a team of teachers will present the program to the board.
5. **Fiscal Advisors** - The Board will hear a presentation from the financial consultation group, Fiscal Advisors, about the refinancing of our bonds.
6. **Building Project** - Clark-Patterson will be presenting some design options for the Board to consider for our building project. Included will be two designs for the track field update and designs for the science wing and pool. The committee will be seeking input from the

Board regarding the design options. Costs range from just under \$15,000,000 for the project to \$18,000,000.

7. **Board Action Items** – The Board will be reviewing personnel action for approval. The Consensus Agenda will include approval of 2002-03 board meeting calendar, budget transfers, health contracts, awarding bids, and accepting gifts to the district. I recommend all of these items for approval.
8. **Policy** - Policy #1230 - Public Participation at Board Meetings is presented for first reading; Policy #2330 – Executive Session is presented for first reading; and Policy # 2510 - New Board Member Orientation is presented for first reading.

Newsletter:

1. **Racial Incident Report** – Although I did not see the Fox news, I understand we did not come off that badly... The racial incident began earlier this year with contact between two kids during an intramural basketball game. There were a couple follow-up instances which were well handled by the high school administration. We have a more diverse population this year than in the past. We also have a group of 5-6 9th grade boys whose behavior towards our black students was not acceptable. To solve the issue, the high school has employed group and individual counseling, parent meetings, and discipline. Students were also given strategies for handling the incidents. As a result of one of the most recent incidents, I suspended a student out of school until the second semester, next year. This week a letter was circulated among 2-3 students about our black students. The author has confessed and he has been suspended for five days.

Although it is a very small group of boys (and getting smaller), we are very concerned about this issue. We want to get through the next 4-5 days and will be planning some diversity programs for the fall.

I have enclosed the letter from a black family to Fox news that sparked the story and a letter to your Board president from one of the white kids that I suspended.

2. **English 12** – In reviewing course assignments for next year, Lory Morrin caught an improper practice regarding our English 12. We were allowing students to take college English 101 in place of English 12. English 101 is taught by FLCC during the summer. It was first allowed for students who had taken English 12 but had not passed. Apparently this practice began quite a few years ago. The rationale being that after a student had the

full year “seat time” of English 12, he would receive credit for the class if the student passed the summer college course of English 101.

Somewhere in the transition of the last three principals, It was changed so that students could take English 101 during the summer after their junior year and skip English 12.

This is not a proper practice. First it does not meet the Carnegie Seat Time required by the state and secondly English 101 is not as difficult as our own English 12. Lory has corrected this. English 101 will properly count as .5 of English 12 for those who desire to take it, but will not count as the full course. We have been meeting with parents and students to effect the change. You may hear some fall out about this.

3. **Freewill** - Things have been OK at Freewill though at times tense. Parents are asking many questions. We are simply stating Mr. Bird had to leave for personal reasons and that he would be there if he could.
4. **GINNA Assessment Pilot Meeting** - Greg, Frank and I will be traveling to Albany on 6/13 to begin gathering information on the assessment of the Ginna plant.
5. **Human Resources Intern Interviews** – Two finalists for the Human Resources Intern have been recommended to me. I will interview them on Wednesday afternoon and make a recommendation to the Board at the June 26 meeting.
6. **Administrative/Board Workshop**- The date of the all day workshop with board members and district administration will be held on Tuesday, July 9. Rick has confirmed that this is the date the Manor House is reserved for. The session will start at 8:00 a.m. and should end at appx. 4:00 p.m. Please dress in comfortable attire and layers (lake breezes are often cool). A light breakfast and a picnic lunch will be provided.
7. **Events** -
 - June 11 – OP/OE PTA Meeting – Ontario Elementary School – 3:30 p.m.
 - June 11 – FE Team A Musical Production “Community Connection” – 9:00 am or 6:30 pm
 - June 12 - HS Chorus Concert – PAC – 7:30 p.m.
 - June 12 – Board Meeting – District Office
 - June 13 – WFL BOCES Technical Center – Student Recognition Ceremony
7:00 p.m. Marion Central High School Auditorium
 - June 13 – Ontario Elementary 5th Grade Picnic – Casey Park
 - June 13 – 7th & 8th Grade Chorus Concert – PAC – 7:30 p.m.
 - June 14 – Ontario Elementary Grade 5 Mixer at Middle School
 - June 14 – Flag Day Ceremonies – Elementary Schools
 - June 17 – Ontario Elementary Egg Drop – AM
 - June 17 – Policy Committee Meeting – District Office – 4:00 p.m.

June 18 – Ontario Elementary Latin America Fiesta – Grade 5
June 19 – Ontario Elementary Field Day
June 20 – HS Talent Show & Field Day
June 21 – Class of 2002 Commencement Exercises – FLCC Performing Arts Ctr – 8:00 p.m.
June 24 – Four County School Bds - New & Nearly New Board Member Orientation
5:30 – *Social Session 1* – 6:00 *Dinner* - 6:30 *Session II* – 7:30
Dinner selections: Top Round of Beef w/mushrooms; Chicken Picada; Tortellini Alfredo
Please let Lori know if you are interested in attending
July 12-14 NYSSBA Academy for Public School Governance – Albany
July 22 – Joint Committee Meeting on Leadership Development – Newark
July 26 – NYSSBA Summer Law Conference – Rochester
August 2 – Midstate Finance Consortium Meeting – Canandaigua
August 8 – WNY Education Law Conference – Cheektowaga

8. Attachments:

1. Racial Incident letters
2. Retirement Incentive Information
3. Policy Committee Meeting Minutes
4. Sales Tax Letters
5. Capital Project Discussion Minutes – 5/29/02
6. Team A Invitation
7. Attendance Committee Meeting Minutes – 6/6/02
8. Fiscal Advisors & Marketing Brochures

POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Thursday, June 4, 2002 **TIME:** 4:00 p.m. **PLACE:** District Office

PRESENT: Trustees Triou (left @ 5 p.m.), Lyke, Ratcliffe, Wyse (left @ 4:30p.m.) Mr. Havens, Mr. Switzer

PRIOR MEETING MINUTES: Minutes of May 30, 2002 were filed with correction to last item of new business **from** review of new §1000 **to** review of new §2000 (internal operations) and a portion of §3000 (community relations).

OLD BUSINESS:

Policy 1230 – Public Comment: Mr. Switzer presented a draft of revisions to this policy based on discussions at last committee meeting. Following review and discussion, the committee approved presentation to the Board of Education for first reading on June 12th.

Policy 2330 – Executive Sessions & Policy 2510 – New Board Member Orientation: Mr. Switzer presented drafts of revisions to these policies based on discussions at last committee meeting. Following review and discussion, the committee approved presentation to the Board of Education for first reading on June 12th.

Review of New §3000 (Community Relations) – Erie #1 BOCES Policy Update Service: Committee members devoted the remainder of the meeting to detailed review of existing policies with items re-codified in the BOCES policy update in new §3000 (Community Relations)

NEXT MEETING:

- Monday, June 17, 2002 @ 4:00 p.m. @ the District Office

NEXT MEETING AGENDA ITEMS:

- *Discussion of:* Review §3000 (balance), §7000 & §8000 (Erie #1) to existing handbook
- *Discussion of:* First Reading of Policy 1230, 2330, 2510
- *Discussion on:* Feedback on §5300.1 to §5300.12 (Code of Conduct committee) (Existing Policy)
- *Status Report:* Review of Needed Regulations (existing policy)
- *Status Report:* Attendance Regulations Review Committee Input (existing policy)

ADJOURNMENT: 6:00 p.m.

Recorded by Jim Switzer

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